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## **SENATOR ALLARD ASKS AIR FORCE SECRETARY FOR CLEAR RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION GUIDELINES AT ACADEMY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), a member of the Air Force Academy Board of Visitors, sent a letter on Monday to the Acting Secretary of the Air Force, Michael Dominguez, requesting that the Air Force clarify the line between permissible and impermissible religious expression at the Air Force Academy.

“I was pleased that the recent religious climate survey at the Air Force Academy found no overt religious discrimination, and I have also been pleased by the steps that Superintendent Rosa has taken to address the issue proactively,” Senator Allard said. “However, there seems to be a lack of awareness at the academy about what constitutes appropriate religious expression.”

“Now that the academic year has ended, there is a window of opportunity for the Air Force to establish clear religious guidelines before classes resume in August,” Senator Allard said. “Implementing clear religious expression guidelines for the faculty, staff and cadets at the Air Force Academy will be the key to making sure that the academy is a welcoming place for people of all religions.”

The U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors is scheduled to meet on July 15, 2005. The recent religious climate survey, as well as the steps that the Air Force is taking on the issue, will be among the topics of discussion at the meeting.

“My hope is that the Air Force will have some draft guidelines ready for review at the upcoming Board of Visitors Meeting,” added Senator Allard.

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